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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 9/19/05.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3-15 and 17-42 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3-15 and 17-42 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1,3-15,17-42 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Tobin (U.S. Publication 2002/0077992).

Regarding claim 1, Tobin discloses a method and system for providing targeted advertising and personalized customer services. Tobin additionally discloses a portable device (which reads on a customer card 105), which includes a wireless communication module (which read on PTD 170) to communicate with each of a plurality of remote devices within a locality, a data storage module a public storage area with which selected remote devices exchange data in a relatively free manner, and a private storage area with which selected remote devices exchange data in a relatively restricted manner (which reads on paragraph 0007); and a controller (which reads on a user identity/account information block) connected to the wireless communication module and to the data storage module (which reads on memory 215), the control communication of data between the wireless communication module and a first remote device by determining access rights associated with the first remote device to the public storage area and the private storage area (as exhibited in figure 2 and disclosed in paragraphs 0032, 0033).

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Regarding claim 3, Tobin discloses a controller filters requests from each of the remote devices to exchange data and to selectively reject and accept the requests in response to the nature of services offered by the remote device (which reads on paragraphs 0027) .

Regarding claim 4, Tobin discloses a controller defines access rights to the first and second storage areas and, dependent upon the access rights, allows the remote device to store and retrieve data from at least one of the first and second storage areas (which reads on paragraphs 0033).

Regarding claim 5, Tobin discloses a digital certificate of authenticity is requested from the remote device prior to communicating data between the remote device and the private storage area (which reads on paragraphs 0032).

Regarding claim 6, Tobin discloses a controller restricts how often and the amount of data which is writable by the remote device into the public storage area (which reads on paragraphs 0032).

Regarding claims 7,8, Tobin discloses a data stored in the public storage area is selectively cleared by the controller in an automated fashion (which reads on paragraphs 0027).

Regarding claims 9, Tobin discloses a Universal Plug and Play (UPnP) broadcasts (which reads on paragraphs 0032).

Regarding claims 10, 11, Tobin discloses a wireless communication module is a radio frequency (RF) transceiver which communicates using a standardized communication protocol (which reads on paragraphs 0023).

Regarding claims 12 Tobin discloses a controller selectively interfaces the portable device to a computer system to permit a user to access and store data in the data storage module (which reads on paragraphs 0024).

Regarding claims 13 Tobin discloses a remote device is defined by another portable device within the locality (which reads on paragraphs 0024).

Regarding claims 14 Tobin discloses a rechargeable power supply for powering its various components (which reads on paragraphs 0027).

Regarding claim 15, Tobin discloses a method and system for providing targeted advertising and personalized customer services. Tobin additionally discloses a portable device (which reads on a customer card 105), which includes a wireless communication module (which read on PTD 170) to communicate with each of a plurality of remote devices within a locality; a data storage module a public storage area with which selected remote devices exchange data in a relatively free manner, and a private storage area with which selected remote devices exchange data in a relatively restricted manner (which

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reads on paragraph 0007); and a controller (which reads on a user identity/account information block) connected to the wireless communication module and to the data storage module (which reads on memory 215), the control communication of data between the wireless communication module and a first remote device by determining access rights associated with the first remote device to the public storage area and the private storage area (as exhibited in figure 2 and disclosed in paragraphs 0032, 0033).

Regarding claim 17, Tobin discloses a controller filters requests from each of the remote devices to exchange data and to selectively reject and accept the requests in response to the nature of services offered by the remote device (which reads on paragraphs 0027).

Regarding claim 18, Tobin discloses a controller defines access rights to the first and second storage areas and, dependent upon the access rights, allows the remote device to store and retrieve data from at least one of the first and second storage areas (which reads on paragraphs 0033).

Regarding claim 19, Tobin discloses a digital certificate of authenticity is requested from the remote device prior to communicating data between the remote device and the private storage area (which reads on paragraphs 0032).

Regarding claim 20, Tobin discloses a controller restricts how often and the amount of data which is writable by the remote device into the public storage area (which reads on paragraphs 0032).

Regarding claim 21, Tobin discloses a method which includes monitoring, by means of a portable device (which reads on a customer card 105), wireless communications from a plurality of remote devices requesting communications with the

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portable device within a locality (which reads on paragraphs 0012), the portable device including a data storage module a public storage area with which selected remote devices exchange data in a relatively free manner, and a private storage area with which selected remote devices exchange data in a relatively restricted manner (which reads on paragraph 0007); identifying access rights associated with the remote device (which reads on paragraphs 0022); and controlling (which reads on a processor) the communication of data between the remote devices and the private and public storage area dependent upon the access rights to the private and public storage area (as exhibited in figure 2 and disclosed in paragraphs 0033).

Regarding claim 22 Tobin discloses a first storage area defines a public storage area with which selected remote devices exchange data in a relatively free manner, and the second storage area defines a private storage area with which selected remote devices exchange data in a relatively restricted manner (which reads on paragraph,0033).

Regarding claim 23, Tobin discloses a controller filters requests from each of the remote devices to exchange data and to selectively reject and accept the requests in response to the nature of services offered by the remote device (which reads on paragraphs 0027).

Regarding claims 24,25, Tobin discloses a controller defines access rights to the first and second storage areas and, dependent upon the access rights, allows the remote device to store and retrieve data from at least one of the first and second storage areas (which reads on paragraphs 0033).

Regarding claim, 26, Tobin discloses a digital certificate of authenticity is requested from the remote device prior to communicating data between the remote device and the private storage area (which reads on paragraphs 0032).

Regarding claim 27, Tobin discloses a controller restricts how often and the amount of data which is writable by the remote device into the public storage area (which reads on paragraphs 0032).

Regarding claims 28, 29, Tobin discloses a data stored in the public storage area is selectively cleared by the controller in an automated fashion (which reads on paragraphs 0027).

Regarding claim 30, Tobin discloses a Universal Plug and Play (UPnP) broadcasts (which reads on paragraphs 0032).

Regarding claims 31, 32 Tobin discloses a wireless communication module is a radio frequency (RF) transceiver which communicates using a standardized communication protocol (which reads on paragraphs 0023).

Regarding claim 33, Tobin discloses a computer program product including a medium readable by a computer, the medium carrying instructions which, when executed by the computer causes the computer to monitor, by means of a portable device (which reads on a customer card 105), wireless communications from a plurality of remote devices requesting communications with the portable device within a locality (which reads on paragraphs 0012), the portable device including a data storage module a public storage area with which selected remote devices exchange data in a relatively free manner, and a private storage area with which selected remote devices exchange data in a relatively restricted manner (which reads on paragraph 0007); identifying access rights

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associated with the remote device (which reads on paragraphs 0022); and controlling (which reads on a processor) the communication of data between the remote devices and the private and public storage area dependent upon the access rights to the private and public storage area (as exhibited in figure 2 and disclosed in paragraphs 0033).

Regarding claim 34 Tobin discloses a first storage area defines a public storage area with which selected remote devices exchange data in a relatively free manner, and the second storage area defines a private storage area with which selected remote devices exchange data in a relatively restricted manner (which reads on paragraph,0033).

Regarding claim 35, Tobin discloses a controller filters requests from each of the remote devices to exchange data and to selectively reject and accept the requests in response to the nature of services offered by the remote device (which reads on paragraphs 0027).

Regarding claims 36, 37, Tobin discloses a controller defines access rights to the first and second storage areas and, dependent upon the access rights, allows the remote device to store and retrieve data from at least one of the first and second storage areas (which reads on paragraphs 0033).

Regarding claim 38 Tobin discloses a digital certificate of authenticity is requested from the remote device prior to communicating data between the remote device and the private storage area (which reads on paragraphs 0032).

Regarding claim 39 Tobin discloses a controller restricts how often and the amount of data which is writable by the remote device into the public storage area (which reads on paragraphs 0032).

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Regarding claims 40, 41, Tobin discloses a data stored in the public storage area is selectively cleared by the controller in an automated fashion (which reads on paragraphs 0027).

Regarding claim 42, Tobin discloses a Universal Plug and Play (UPnP) broadcasts (which reads on paragraphs 0032).

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments filed 7/5/2005 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Regarding claim 1 applicant's argument that the art of record Tobin US 2002/0077992 fail to disclose a controller to determine access rights of a remote device to a public storage area and private storage a portable device, the examiner contends that it does, the examiner points the applicant to paragraph 0032 "the user identity/ account information block stores data about the user and accounts that are accessed by the card" reads on determine access rights to storage area.

Regarding claim 15 applicant's argument that the art of record fail to disclose a controller to control communication of data between a wireless communication module a first remote device by determining access rights associated with a public storage area and private storage a portable device, the examiner contends that it does, the examiner points the applicant to paragraph 0032 "the user identity/ account information block stores data about the user and accounts that are accessed by the card" reads on determine access rights to storage area.

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Regarding claim 33 applicant's argument that the art of record fail to disclose a controlling the communication of data between a remote device and private and public storage areas dependent upon access rights to public storage area and private storage area, the examiner contends that it does, the examiner points the applicant to paragraph 0032 "the user identity/ account information block stores data about the user and accounts that are accessed by the card" reads on determine access rights to storage area.

The examiner stands by and restates the above rejection.


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Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sheila B. Smith whose telephone number is (571)272-7847. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 6:00 am - 3:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph Feild can be reached on 571-272-4090. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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